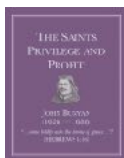


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LUKE 10:42



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### **Schedule of Services**

Sunday School            10:00 am  
Sunday Worship        11:00 am  
Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

*\* On the first Sunday of each month, we will observe the LORD'S Table in the 11:00 am service and then have lunch in the fellowship building.*

### **Nursery**

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### **Happy Birthday!**

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## **THE ATONEMENT OF CHRIST**

“...THIS IS THE FATHER'S WILL WHICH HATH SENT ME, THAT OF ALL WHICH HE HATH GIVEN ME I SHOULD LOSE NOTHING...” (JOHN 6:39)

Which exalts Christ more? Which demonstrates more the value and efficacy of Christ's atonement: That which effectually secures the actual salvation of every one for whom it was made – OR – that which ends in the great majority of those for whom He shed His precious blood being eternally punished in hell?

Surely none with any spiritual discernment can fail to see which view is more glorifying to the Redeemer.

And if we call to mind the nature of His satisfaction, that it was a paying of their debts, a suffering the law's curse in their stead, in order that they might go free; and when we remember that the Judge of all accepted this atonement, was satisfied with the price Christ paid...then, where would be God's honor, His justice, His faithfulness, were He, to yet punish millions of those for whom His Son bled and died?

If Christ died for all men universally, then all men universally must be saved. There is no other possible alternative, except to say that God will

punish twice, first in the person of Christ the Surety, and then in the persons of those for whom He was already punished.

I am sure none of us is lacking in compassion to his fellow-man, yet we must not allow our pity for men to lead us to make God almighty to be like us in anyway, nor the death of Christ to be ineffectual.

Others may speak for themselves, but I would not dare trust my salvation to a Saviour who was unable to save those for whom He died.

If it were true that Christ shed His blood for those who are now in hell, what guarantee would I have that I shall not go there? An atonement, that fails to atone, a sacrifice, which fails to deliver, is worthless.

To say that salvation turns upon the sinner's own acceptance of Christ would be like offering a sum of money to a blind man upon condition that he would see.

Many believe in an atonement made for everybody; but then, their atonement is just this; that Judas was atoned for as much as Peter, that the damned in hell were as much an object of Jesus Christ's satisfaction as the saved in Heaven. In believing that Christ atoned for everyone they must mean that, in the case of multitudes, Christ died in vain, for they say He died for all, and yet so ineffectual was His dying for them, that many are damned afterwards. Now, such an atonement I despise – I reject it. I had rather believe a limited atonement that is efficacious for all for whom it was intended, than an universal one that is not efficacious for anybody, except the will of man be joined with it.

PASTOR **DONNIE BELL**

## **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST**

“FOR HE HATH MADE HIM TO BE SIN FOR US, WHO KNEW NO SIN; THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM.” (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21)

As CHRIST's righteousness is the only merit that can exalt us to the presence and to the kingdom of God; so that doctrine alone is to be considered as evangelical which depresses the righteousness of man, and exalts the righteousness of CHRIST: leading us to trust, not on what we do, but singly [all together] on what He has done and suffered for us. The business of the Law is to knock us down from the pedestal of self-confidence, and to grind us small; as Moses ground to powder, and dispersed the materials of the Israelitish idol. The business of Grace is to lift us from the dust, to settle us upon Christ the rock of ages, to put a new song of free salvation into our mouths, and to order our going in the way [of CHRIST].

AUGUSTUS TOPLADY (1740—1778)

**“You do *not* understand the Word of God *by theology*. You understand theology *by the Word of God*.” —PASTOR DON FORTNER**

## **ONE THING IS NEEDFUL**

“...ONE THING IS NEEDFUL: AND MARY HATH CHOSEN THAT GOOD PART, WHICH SHALL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER.” (LUKE 10:42)

Beloved believing sinner of God, one thing is needful! What a blessing it is to read what we so desperately need, has been given! and further beloved—what has been given shall never be taken away!

Dear reader, the only *one thing* that *is needful* is the Lord Jesus Christ. As God the Holy Spirit makes known to us through His servant John, “He that hath the Son hath life...” (1 JOHN 5:12), indeed eternal life. And once He is given, through faith, the *unspeakable gift* of God—He is forever given—never to be *taken away*! (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21, ROMANS 11:29)

Reader, can it be that only *one thing is needful*? Yes! only *one thing is needful* to be washed clean of all your sins! Only one thing is needful to be made the very righteousness of God. Consider God’s own blessed testimony of the Gospel of His beloved Son:

“*BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST*, and thou shalt be saved” (ACTS 16:31).

“*ONE THING THOU LACKEST*: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and *FOLLOW ME*” (MARK 10:21).

“...This is the work of God, that ye *BELIEVE ON HIM WHOM HE HATH SENT*” (JOHN 6:29).

“...here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, if thou *BELIEVEST WITH ALL THINE HEART*, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I *BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD*” (ACTS 8:36-37).

Reader, do you find yourself believing on the Lord Jesus Christ? Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift! For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of [yourself]: it is the gift of God! (EPHESIANS 2:8-10)

If God has given you grace to *receive*, indeed, grace to *believe* on the *one thing that is needful* Jesus Christ the Son of God, He will never be taken away from you! For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance, indeed you have His very own word on it! *I GIVE UNTO THEM ETERNAL LIFE; AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH*, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand. I and my Father are one (JOHN 10:28-30). AMEN!

PASTOR